# **NEBRASKA**WEEKLY WEATHER & CROP REPORT

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# WEATHER

Temperatures were 10 to 20 degrees above normal the first half of the period and up to 30 degrees below normal the latter half. Snow and rain fell midperiod. The snow was confined to the Panhandle and north central portion with the greatest snowfall up to 12 inches with two-foot drifts. The rains averaged less than a tenth of an inch.

### CROPS

Dry weather again aided harvest over the State. This hot, dry weather has caused some corn to drop ears and soybean pods to shatter. Snow and light rain received in some areas helped relieve some of the dry corn harvest problems and potential fire danger in pastures.

Topsoil and subsoil moisture supplies remained basically unchanged from last week with most counties short. A year ago topsoil and subsoil were also short in virtually all counties. Some fall fertilizing is being done in local areas. Other reports indicate that the soil is too dry at this time for application.

Corn harvest continues to make excellent progress with nearly 80% harvested at this time. This is ahead of last year's 65% and the normal 35%. Moisture content is reportedly running mostly in the 12-18% range. The dry windy weather has caused some local field losses due to ear droppage.

# CROPS (Cont.)

Sorghum harvest is now over 95% completed. This compares to 75% last year and 55% for normal. Moisture content is running from 10-18%.

Soybean harvest continued at a rapid pace this last week and at this time is nearing completion statewide. This is ahead of a year ago at 90% and the normal at 80%.

Wheat condition over the State has been hampered by the continuously dry weather and has therefore been assessed as poor by 21% of the counties reporting, 69% as fair, and 10% as good. Some counties report spotty stands and below normal growth. Moisture is still needed in all areas of the State this fall.

Sugar beet harvest continues but at a slow pace due to the warm weather and possibility of spoilage.

## LIVESTOCK

Pasture and range feed supplies are short in 91% of the counties reporting. Cattle continue to be moved to corn and sorghum stalk fields as they become available. In some areas, supplemental feeding is necessary for cattle remaining on short ranges.

PRECIPITATION MAP FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1975

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TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR WEEK ENDING 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1975

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	Station	Extr	emes			Total Inches 1/	
		Max	Min	Mean	Departure		
NW	Chadron	71	15	40			
	Scottsbluff	77	13	43	-4	.70	
	Sidney	77	14	43		.29	
NC	Burwell	75	21	47		.13	
	Valentine	70	20	43	-4	.33	
NE	Norfolk	75	26	49	-1	.10	
	Sioux City	82	25	51	+1	.04	
CEN	Grand Island	86	23	51	0	.11	
EC	Lincoln	86	22	53	+1	.01	
	Omaha	89	25	55	+2	.01	
SW	Imperial	84	22	47		.03	
	North Platte	81	13	45	-3	.14	

<sup>1</sup>/ Precipitation totals not included in map above.

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